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ARE YOU GETTING THE REAL CHRISTMAS SPIRIT BY PLANNING SOME HOLIDAY CHEER FOR THE NEEDY POOR?

CHRISTMAS BUYING

Let us help you out in this pleasant yet often vexatious task. Our store is full of articles suitable for presents, both useful and ornamental.

TOYS

Our sales in toys during the few days in which they have been on display show that the public is pleased with our assortment and prices; come early for best selections.

SPECIAL BARGAINS

We still have special prices on a large line of Clothing, Shoes and Hats, and can save you money.

NOTIONS

Our notion department has become very popular with the ladies and sales in this line are increasing daily. We show a fine assortment of Collars, Jabots, Cassocks, Cuff and Collar Sets, Belt and Collar Pins, Hair Ornaments, Etc. It pays to trade at

"THE OLD RELIABLE STORE"

G. J. WOLFINGER

DELINQUENT TAXES

All unpaid taxes shown on the tax rolls of Otero county will be published in The Alamogordo News-Advertiser, the official county organ, on Thursday, January 2, 1913, as the statutes of New Mexico directs. After that date the added costs of publication must be paid.

J. A. BAIRD, Treasurer.



This is one of the most comfortable children's undergarments we've ever sold.

Shirt, pants and waist in one—a three garment combination which saves time in dressing children, lightens laundry labor and saves you money.

Only one undergarment complete in itself to buy instead of three separate ones. Long drawers and sleeves; warm knitted fabric; tapes for supporting outer garments properly.

Make that 2 to 12 year old boy or girl happy with this sensible undergarment. Price, 50 cents.

THE PRINCE CASH DEPARTMENT STORE
ALAMOGORDO

COUNTY CO-EDS HOLD CONTEST

Laura Pace, Andy Hendrix, Emma Hildren, Christine Wohlenberg Were Best Spellers

"A UNITED ALAMOGORDO" THE ORATORICAL WINNER

Julia Johnson, Ellen Osby and Fred Kronenberg Inimitable in Recitations

Binga linga, binga linga, Be, Be, Be.
Chinga linga, chinga linga, Che, Che, Che.
Binga linga, chinga linga, Sis! Boom! Bah!
ALAMO HIGH SCHOOL, Rah! Rah! Rah!

Booma lacka, booma lacka, Bow, wow, wow.
Chinga lacka, chinga lacka, Chow, chow, chow.
Booma lacka, chinga lacka, Who are we?
TU-LA-RO-SA, Yes-sir-ee!

The morning of December 6th, the day for the beginning of the Otero county contest, found the entire county wrapped in snow and the snow still falling at a rapid rate. Notwithstanding the fact that some of the teachers and contestants had arrived the day before an effort was made to postpone the program for one week, hoping for fair weather. The schools in the valley were promptly notified by telephone, but the wires being down it was impossible to get word to the schools in the mountains. The train from Cloudcroft brought in a large number of teachers, contestants and visitors, and it became necessary to arrange for the contest. Both programs were set for Saturday evening. Of course the field meet had to be omitted.

A very fair audience was present and every contestant answered to call. According to the rules submitted by the committee each contestant who spelled correctly every word given from the chosen list was to receive a first prize, paid for by their communities. The result was the awarding of five first prizes as follows: Laura Pace, Alamogordo; Andrew Hendrix, Cloudcroft; Christine Wohlenberg, Della Porter and Emma Hillburn, Tularosa.

In declamation the first prize was given to Kimberlin Carlisle, Logwood school; second prize to Roy Fun! Three Rivers; third prize to Coochie Lockney, Orogrande.

Julia Johnson, Alamogordo, received first prize on recitation, with Fred Kronenberg, Tularosa, second, and Ellen Osby, Tularosa, third.

The prizes in oration were: Lee Walker, first; Chalmers Bowers, second, both contestants residing in Alamogordo.

For drawing the best map of South America, Lucile Charles, Logwood school, was given first prize, and Lucy Vigil, Tularosa, second.

E. H. Simmons, Kate Livingstone, Dale, J. Porter; Misses D. Cooper, Gertrude Powell, Rachael Livingstone, Frison Hazel Briscoe, Lucy Vigil, Gladys Mitchell, Della Porter, Inez Fay, Maude Abbott, Ruth Porter, Emma Hillburn, Christine Wohlenberg, Ellen Osby, Frances Mitchell, Lillie Dale, Jary Tiley, Dr. Miller and James Porter.

Cloudcroft: Mrs. Redic; Misses Agnes Wood, Mamie Smith, Ruby Nimmo and Emma Wofford, Professor Helm, Judge Pass, Messrs. Hendrix, Wood, Walter Smith, Ad Painter, Floyd Parkerson, Andrew Hendrix and George Nimmo.

Orogrande: Misses Vida Redic and Eva Mottet; Coochie Lockney and John Stevenson.

Mt. Park: Misses Frances Murphy and Pearl Thomason, Sidney Mauldin.

Sacramento: Blanche Anderson and Elphel Bradford.

Three Rivers: Mr. Punk and sons, Roy and Eugene.

Logwood: A. R. Carlyle and son, Kimberlain.

Shamrock: Miss Rebecca Livingstone.

La Luz Canon: Miss Estella Smith Kearney School; Bruce Milton.

Bent: Miss Annie Blazer.

Mayhill: Prof. R. S. White.

La Luz: Mrs. Virden.

SCHOOL NOTES

The following are the names of those pupils in the first five grades who have been present every day thus far in the term:

Fifth grade: Mae Buck, Mina Bennett, Clarence Baker, Olivia Donaghe, Margaret Denney, Carl De Bord, Frances Grant, Louie Hill, Henry Haynes, Vaughn Hudman, Gladys Londermilk, Walter Latham, Emmett McNatt, Gertrude McNatt, Orris Smith, Walter Warren, Julia Chavez.

Fourth grade: Welton Armstrong, Fred Apel, Harold Abbott, Herbert Barter, Kittle Crosby, Christie Crosby, Lawrence Cantrell, Margaret Hill Viola Kreamer, Nora Kreamer, Curtis Lee, Gladys McNatt, Robert McNew, Julia McRae, Max Ogden, Frances Oliver, Rosa Prather, Emma Row, Elmer Smith.

Third grade: Marian Armstrong, Lula Bufkin, Ruth Brownfield, Wilks Cooksey, William Crosby, Maggie Fincher, Jewel Glen, Goldie Haynes, Lizzie Hill, Myrtle Lawrence, Junea Mann, Wentworth Mann, George Messer, Paul Moody, Floyd Pace, Ruby Richard, Harrison Row, Callie Smith, Verlan Weatherford, Christina Wofford, Eva Boucher.

Second grade: Willard Apel, Lillian Barter, Frank Carter, Orval Haddaman, Clifford Joy, Clara Karr, Marjorie Loomis, Valma Latham, Lucile Logsdon, Arthur McNatt, Irvin Menger, Clarence Ransome, Pearl Sullivan, Lucile Tower, Stella West, Herbert Walekr, Joseph Walker.

First grade: Corinne Bennett, George Byus, Charles Crosby, Ewing Carter, Lela Denney, Mabel Hurling, Wayne McComis, Louise Seamers, Noel Sullivan, Lester Richards.

The business men who so generously bought ads on the circular containing the program for the field and track meet will, we hope, agree with us in postponing it until spring. This is the more suitable time and we can draw a larger crowd from over the county than now.

A fearful odor came from the language room. "Gee, wonder what that awful smell is?" asked May, shyly. "Only the dead language," answered bright John. "Wrong again," said Miss Higginson, with a wise twinkle in her eye. "It's the mortifying grades."

We are busy on our paper again and all wise, brainy and original people should sit up and take notice. We might give a subscription to the person who suggests the most appropriate name to take the place of the present essential cognomen, "Blankety Blank."

The tourists on No. 3 Saturday afternoon became suddenly aware that they had run into a lively boys when they heard the Rah! Rah! boys ventilate their lungs on the high school yells. Depend on us for noise.

All of the athletic contests had to be called off last week except some bar status, which were witnessed by the enthusiastic few who had the courage to stand in the snow while these were in progress.

"Bob" Woodworth should be thanked (and patronized) for putting on such educational pictures as the "Odyssey." They are appreciated.

Someone said that the Alamo All-Stars were ready to try the A. H. S. at the gentle game of basket ball. Come on, boys, we're ready.

Every student looks forward with joy and expectation to the coming of next week. One word's enough—Exam!

We monopolized one feature in the contest, anyway. What was that? Why, oratory, of course.

Married Thursday
Rev. Ed LeBreton, pastor of Grace M. E. church, last Thursday joined in marriage Mr. Victor Benedette and Ella Zeah, both of El Paso, and Joseph Schrieber and Carolyn Barnes, both of McPherson, Kan. The knots were tied in the office of County Clerk Thomas.

COUNTY TAXES CUT 5 MILLS

County Commissioners Have Lowered the Levy from 24 to 19 Mills

STATE LEVY NECESSARILY RAISED BY STATE BOARD

Statehood Brings Added Burden to Taxpayers—State Machine Must be Oiled

The taxpayers of Otero county in particular and of the state in general are cognizant of an increase in the levy; at least they realize they are paying taxes in large round numbers. Some are inclined to believe the trouble lies with the county commissioners, some know the trouble lies with the state board of equalization, while others don't know who or what is to blame. The only thing they are real sure of is that they are compelled to dig pretty deep, in some instances, in order to get possession of that coveted tax receipt.

It is not here intended to consider any other section of New Mexico except our own bailiwick. The treasurer of Otero county is daily asked the question: "Why are the taxes so high this year?" There is a reason. Prior to the admission of New Mexico into the sisterhood of states dry lands were assessed at from \$1.00 to \$1.25 per acre; at the present time, under the statehood regime, the same land is assessed at \$1.50 per acre, while the state tax has jumped from 10 mills to 13 1/2 mills on the dollar. Thus we have an approximate increase of 62 per cent in the state tax, an increase for which the state board is responsible, as this board fixes the value of the land for assessment. While this is a fact, it is not mentioned for the purpose of criticism in any way; in fact, the state board has no alternative. The expenses of carrying on the state's business has very materially increased since we passed from a territorial form of government, and these expenses must be met. It is up to the state board to provide ways and means, and it has done so to the best of its ability.

On the other hand, it is indeed gratifying to the residents of Otero county to note that our board of commissioners is steadfastly watching their interests. The levy last year for county purposes was 24 mills, while this year it is 19 mills, a very material reduction in the county tax rate; and were it not for the necessary increase in the state levy, Otero county taxpayers would in no sense be carrying a heavy tax burden.

The purpose of these lines is to inform our residents as to where the cause for the high tax rate lies. It is wholly on account of the increased state expenses, and wholly because of the necessary action of the state board. Our county commissioners have reduced the rate about 29 per cent over the levy for last year, saving the taxpayer many good dollars on their county assessments.

Homer's Odyssey
Bob Woodworth gave our citizens a treat last Friday evening at the New Alamo theatre—those for whom the disagreeable weather had no terrors. The story of Ulysses at the fall of Troy and his odyssey, because of the necessary action of the state board. Our county commissioners have reduced the rate about 29 per cent over the levy for last year, saving the taxpayer many good dollars on their county assessments.

Answers to Inquiries by New Mexico Farmers and Ranchers
The New Mexico State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts is about to issue a monthly paper for free distribution among the people of New Mexico. The paper, to be known as the College Courier, will deal with the work of the college in all its departments—agriculture, engineering—domestic science, the experiment station, and others—with a view to bringing the college into closer touch with the people and giving them the benefit of the research and experimental work which is constantly being carried on there.

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Saturday Night's Hop
In spite of the disagreeable weather Saturday evening, the dance given at the Beaver hall was attended by a large crowd of young people. A number of out-of-town visitors added to the enjoyment of the evening. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fox, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. O'Reilly, Mrs. Levy, Misses Olive Thomas, Johnnie, Daisy and Frances Murphy, Nena Warnock, Mar Saunders, Hazel Shelton, Margaret Gunter, Sadie Scipio, Lucille O'Reilly, Edward Chase, William Goldstein, Frank Polak, Guthrie Smith, Charles Hickman, Lonnie Buck, Clarence

ELECTRIC LINE SEEMS CERTAIN

Right-of-Way from Cloudcroft to Roswell Will Be Secured Immediately

PROMOTERS SURPRISED AT ROUTE'S RESOURCES

Mrs. C. F. Barrett Dies Suddenly on Friday Night—New Notes From Cloudcroft

(By Scott B. Williams)
Cloudcroft, Dec. 13.—In the latter part of November, after having made a trip over the proposed Cloudcroft-Pecos Valley electric line, Messrs. C. C. Carroll and Wm. Morgan Hand returned to Cloudcroft and met with the Business Men's Association for a discussion of the line. These gentlemen had been met at Cloudcroft by Mr. J. C. Jones who entertained them at his home on his ranch near here one night and the next morning he drove them over the proposed route down Cox Canon to Elk N. M., where they were met by Mr. Bud Cleave of that place who drove them to the Pecos Valley. Both gentlemen at the meeting of the Business Association expressed themselves as surprised at the resources of the country along the proposed route. This section had always been pictured to them as a rich and fertile one but it proved beyond their expectations. They were well pleased and felt confident that in the very near future some definite plan would be worked out to put in an electric line through that section. At any rate they feel that the outlook is so good that if the interests they represent do not take hold of the proposition, some other will. These gentlemen have gone east to consult with those they represent before taking further action and in the meantime the citizens of this section will see what can be done to secure a right of way from Cloudcroft to the Pecos Valley either down Cox Canon or James Canon. This line is one that Mr. J. C. Jones has been working on for several months and if it goes through the citizens of this section should not lose sight of the fact that it has been so enthusiastic about it.

At the last meeting of the Business Association G. A. Breckheimer, proprietor of the Texas, and J. Ben Hancock of Bailey's Pharmacy, were elected as members. The application of Dr. L. K. Warren was read and will be voted on at another meeting.

Mrs. C. F. Barrett who ran Barrett's Jersey Dairy for so many years, died at her home near Cloudcroft Friday night. Mrs. Barrett's death was very sudden, she having been in Cloudcroft on Wednesday of the same week transacting business. The funeral was held Tuesday. She leaves a husband and several small children.

A. B. Christian of Highrolls was badly injured Sunday caused by a wild horse he was riding running into a tree. Dr. L. K. Warren attended him and he is reported improving.

Scott B. Williams is just getting over a sudden illness that confined him to his bed for over a week.

Supervisor R. F. Baithis of the Alamo National forest with headquarters at Cloudcroft, recently attended a meeting of forest men at El Paso. He then left for Las Cruces and before returning to Cloudcroft will visit Albuquerque and Santa Fe in connection with forest work.

A car of cabbage was shipped to the El Paso market December 2 by the Cleave & Knight Mercantile Co.

The Y. W. C. A. of El Paso has secured lots 4, 5 and 6 in block 44 of Cloudcroft and will erect a large building on them to be used by working girls where they can spend their vacations.

To Master Andrew Hendrix, son of W. J. Hendrix of this city falls the honor of being one of the successful ones who entered the Otero county school contest at Alamogordo last week. Andrew won a gold medal in the spelling contest, his mark being perfect. Cloudcroft is indeed proud of Andrew, who is only eleven years old, but who proved himself to be one of the best spellers in the county, we might say the best for his age. He is a bright, studious boy and his record at the Cloudcroft school has always been excellent.

There was a large crowd from Cloudcroft to attend the school contest at Alamogordo last week. Prof. J. M. Helm, Mrs. C. A. Redic, the two teachers here, both attended. Floyd Parkinson, Agnes Wood and Andrew Hendrix represented the school in the contests. Others who went from Cloudcroft were Mr. C. S. Wood, Ruby Nimmo, Mamie Smith, Walter Smith, Ad Painter, David Swope and Bennie McClure. There was quite an exhibit of work by the Cloudcroft pupils.

Fornoff Reappointed
Governor W. C. McDonald has named the following as members of the state mounted police: Fred Fornoff, captain, in command, reappointed; Jno. A. Beal of Deming promoted to be sergeant, second in command; C. F. Lambert, A. Hunter, regulars, and J. H. McHughes and J. A. Street, specials; Gus Kock.

Rollene Banner, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. DeMier, and well known to many residents of Alamogordo, is reported very low with pneumonia at his home in Las Cruces.

Special bargain prices on dolls at Warren's.

HOLIDAY GIFTS SUITABLE GIFTS THAT ARE WORTH WHILE

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| Sterling Novelties, Parisian Ivory and Silver Toilet Sets, Manicure Cases, Bridge Sets, Music Rolls, Leaf Sugar Baskets, Pictures, Perfumes. | Military Sets, Traveling Folding Leather Sets, Desk Sets, Smoker Sets, Necktie Holders, Sterling Clothes Brushes, Shaving Sets, Combination Coat Hangers, Cigar Cases. | Dolls, Tea Sets, Books, Games, Tool Boxes, Doll Buggies, Toy Trains, Toy Stoves, Toy Banks, Etc. |
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WARREN'S DRUG STORE ON THE CORNER